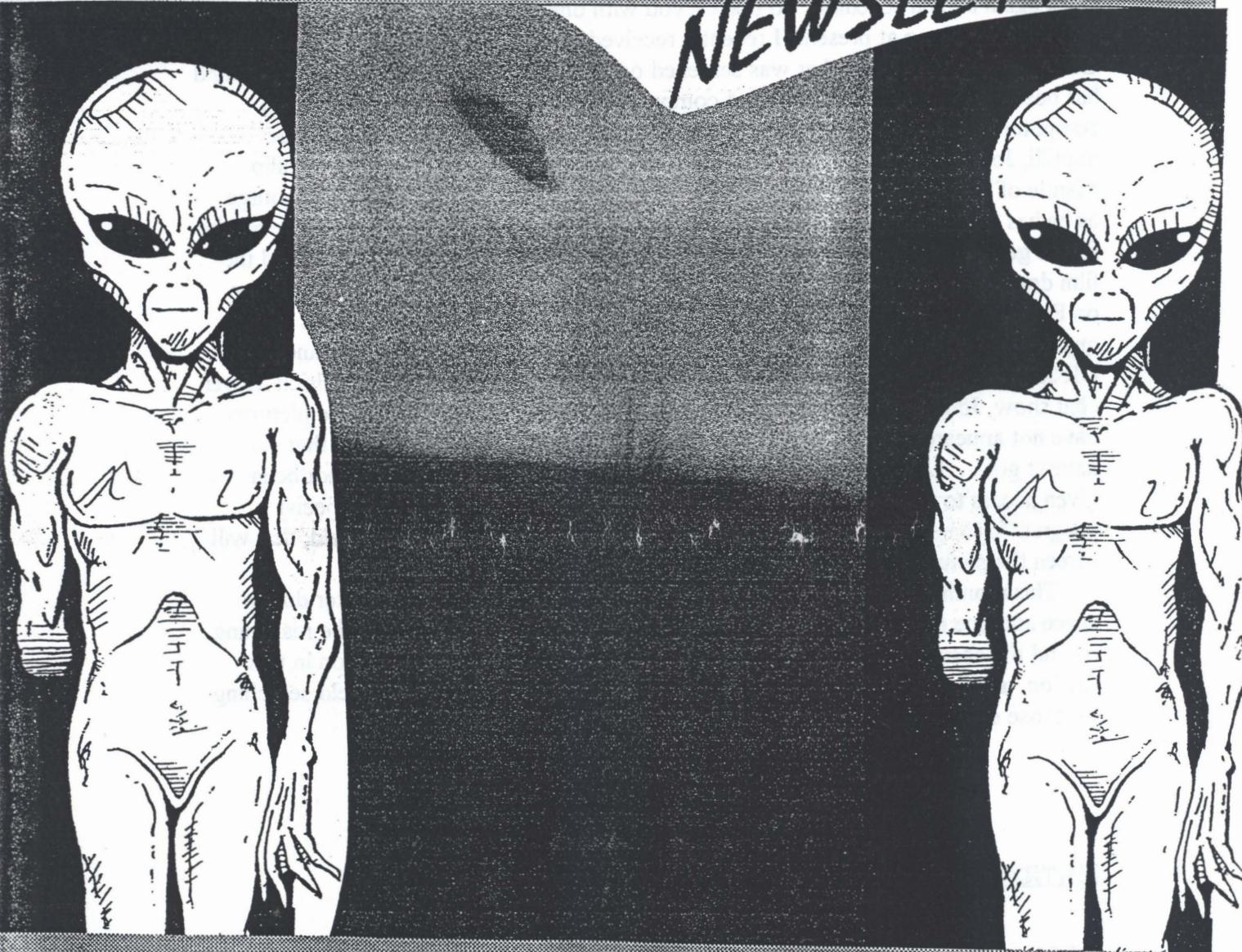


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EDITORIAL.

Well folks, summer is here again and your editor is suffering from lazing on the beach (hard life aint it !!), and with holidays looming around the corner, the newsletter is yet again behind schedule. To update you with one or two things, the Roswell film is just bubbling along at present. I recently received a copy of the program shown on the German Tv station RTL, that was screened on 26.6.95 that showed the alien body, and has been reproduced on the Internet computer system (I also have the images on computer disc if you are interested). The program Extra Magazine featured Ray Santilli, Johannes Von Buttlar (German researcher), and yes, of course Mr. Philip Mantle of BUFORA, who appears to be doing the Pa. in regards to the film footage as he has appeared in numerous magazines and now on TV, saying that he believes the film is genuine (I wonder if BUFORA feel the same way, because if they do, and the film does prove to be a hoax, then how the mighty may fall !!!!). But 5 days earlier, on French TV, there was a special program on the Roswell footage, with the best quality photo's that I have seen so far. There also included a special appearance of DR Jessy Marcel JNR and then the next day, on German SAT 1, on the Ulrich Meyer chat show, Johannes Von Buttlar showed the photos again. (Funny how the pictures have not appeared on British TV, what have the French and Germans got that we haven't got.....Loads of Money....!!!!) Mind you, the British press have not been given access to the footage, but on the 26th of August, on Channel 4, a special program is to be screened...a week after BUFORA's conference in Sheffield, that will screen the pictures.....

This month, I have had to leave one or two things out of the newsletter due to space and one or two articles that I think you may find of interest (That's the reasoning behind the changes anyway !). I will not go on about the crop circle season in this section, as the special correspondent the Wheatear has been out in the field searching for those elusive circles.. read on.

WHAT THE MEDIA HAD TO SAY IN MAY 1994.

NATIONAL ARTICLES :

- 7.5.94 : Daily Telegraph : the mugs who believe in the saucers.
- 8.5.94 : The Guardian : 'It' only came from an astronomical mirage.
- 11.5.94 : The Guardian : Red Admiral.
- 15.5.94 : Sunday People : Major gets a rocket over UFOs.
- 29.5.94 : the People : UFO video sparks new alien fears.
- 30.5.94 : Daily Mirror : 999 - help ! The Martians are coming.

CROP CIRCLE ARTICLES :

- 23.5.94 : Daily Star : Wild thing Reg in £1m UFO hunt.
23.5.94 : Wolverhampton Express and Star : 60s song windfall for veteran rocker.
23.5.94 : Western Daily Press : £1m Trogg on the UFO trail.

PAPER UNKNOWN :

- 23.5.94 : MPs to get UFO report.
23.5.94 : MoD's UFO 'lies'.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES :

- 5.94 : Public Policy Review : UFOs tackle crime.

REGIONAL ARTICLES :

- 5.94 : Denbyshire Free Press : Close kind of encounters.
5.94 : Inverness Courier : 'Close Encounters' group in Highland mystery tour.
2.5.94 : Yorkshire Evening Press : keep your eyes peeled for UFO.
4.5.94 : Burton Daily Mail : UFOs light up the evening sky.
4.5.94 : Hartlepool Mail : Menem's UFOs.
6.5.94 : Colchester Yellow Advertiser : Seeing is believing.
6.5.94 : Warminster Journal : Hooray (Letter)
6.5.94 : Sudbury Mercury : Suffolk's UFO remains a mystery.
11.5.94 : Edinburgh Evening News : Attack on UFO claim.
14.5.94 : Glasgow Herald : Flying saucers in Scotland ? What you believe is what you see.
15.5.94 : Christchurch Advertiser : Let's go, sixto-hail a UFO ride.
19.5.94 : Northern Echo : Alien abduction on the agenda.
19.5.94 : Yorkshire Evening Press : Doctor probed cases of alien abductions.
19.5.94 : Yorkshire Evening Press : UFO is spotted over York.
20.5.94 : Slough Observer : Great ball of fire sparks ET theory.
20.5.94 : Somerset County Gazette : Mystery of UFO seen at Williton.
20.5.94 : Todmorden News and advertiser : Alan's close encounter of the fundraising kind.
20.5.94 : Southend Evening Echo : Our sky glow story is still clouded in mystery.
21.5.94 : Yorkshire Evening Press : UFO fever grips Yorkshire folk.
23.5.94 : Eastern Daily Press : UFOs in spotlight.
23.5.94 : The Scotsman : Lift-off for UFO campaign.
24.5.94 : Yorkshire Evening Press : I spotted the UFO in York.
24.5.94 : Northern Echo : Lobbyists want end to 'ET secrecy'.

24.5.94 : Western Daily Press : Give us details of Britain's real-life close encounters.
24.5.94 : Oldham Evening Chronicle : face to face with aliens.
24.5.94 : Dundee Courier and Advertiser : Alien hunters call on MoD to release 'proof'.
24.5.94 : Yorkshire Evening Post : Aliens took us claim couple.
25.5.94 : London Standard : No Title.
26.5.94 : Suffolk Mercury : Still a mystery.
26.5.94 : Yorkshire Evening Press : Video on alien abductions.
27.5.94 : Western daily press : I videoed mysterious nocturnal visits from ET's pals.
27.5.94 : Perthshire Advertiser : Meigle conference on paranormal.
27.5.94 : Yorkshire Evening press : Driver reports UFO over Strensall.
28.5.94 : the Scotsman : UFO hunters head for Highlands.
29.5.94 : Bedfordshire on Sunday : Hitler was an alien.
30.5.94 : East Anglian Daily times : Mystery lights prompt flood of calls to police.
30.5.94 : Swindon Evening Advertiser : UFO's warning is sent from on high.

PRESS/TV/RADIO MATTERS OVER THE PAST MONTH 15.6.95 - 15.7.95.

PRESS :

24.6.95 : Southampton Echo :

This was a letter that yours truly wrote in reply to a readers enquiry about crop circle hoaxers such as Chorley and Bowers, why they haven't been caught on film. I put the readers mind at rest and also plugged the group (6 enquiries about the group).

2.7.95 : Mail on Sunday :

ET LIVES, SAYS THE MAN FROM THE MINISTRY.

It was the week when John Redwood's earthly origins were called into doubt and Mr. Spock pointy ears were given away by the thousands.

So it will come as no surprise that one of Whitehall's finest has succumbed to the power of aliens.

Nick Pope headed the Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a office, with a brief to deal with inquires about flying saucers and other unexplained phenomena.

It was his calm voice which reassured the many members of the public who called to report strange lights in the sky or little green men on the lawn.

But, in possibly the most embarrassing turnabout in Ministry of defense history, Mr. Pope has gone over to the other side.

To the horror of his employers, the 29 year old civil servant, who now works in another part of the Ministry, has become a convert.

'I think it is fair to say that in my three years as the Government expert on UFOs, I was regarded as a bit of a maverick', said Mr. Pope.

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'I came into that job as an open-minded skeptic and I came out a believer'.

As if that were not enough, the errant ufologist is to publish a book based on his experiences as Britain's first line of defense in the undeclared war against the alien menace.

Provisionally titled Open Skies, Closed Minds : Official Reactions to the UFO Phenomenon, the book is unlikely to win him many friends at the ministry.

In fact, his bosses have already expressed their displeasure at his manuscript, for which he must get permission before publication.

The book examines all the available records in the Whitehall archives, and talks about a number of new cases.

But Mr. Pope offers little comfort for UFO buffs seeking proof of a Government cover-up.

'We don't throw open our files en bloc, but eventually most of them filter down to the Public Record Office.'

Mr. Pope cannot pinpoint the moment of his conversion, but he rules out an alien plot.

He says he was convinced by the details of a small number of British sightings which have so far defied conventional explanation.

'Probably the best example is the Rendlesham Forest case in December 1980 where some kind of object came down in Suffolk near the RAF bases at Woodbridge and Bentwaters.'

'This is now regarded as the best attested case outside the US'.

Mr. Pope's conversion is likely to cause a sensation among committed Ufologists.

Graham Birdsall, editor of UFO magazine, said : 'I welcome the bravery of a man who must have experienced tremendous pressure from his supervisors, but who stuck to his views'.

The MOD refused to comment on Mr. Pope.

But surely the men from the Ministry are wishing that someone, somewhere, would beam him up.

6.7.95 : Independent (The) :

HOT PROPERTY FROM OUTER SPACE.

The article gets to grip with the Roswell footage and the article paints a somewhat good picture of the controversy the film is causing. Philip Mantle stated in the article that he doesn't have concrete evidence claiming that the film is authentic, but neither do I have evidence to say it isn't. What is wrong with showing it and letting others decide for themselves ?. Ray Santilli admits he withheld the film from Ufologists at large primarily for commercial reasons. 'The UFO community would have instantly copied the film, thereby making it worthless, they are a strange bunch and I did not want to get mixed up with them'. But for me, Jenny Randles, in the same article speaks for Ufology word wide : 'They have signed a pact with the evil', 'They are endorsing this film for purely commercial reasons. It is undoing all the work serious Ufologists

have done for 20 years. I resigned from BUFORA's council 18 months ago because of this'.

9.7.95 : Sunday Telegraph :

Letter in reply to The Sunday Telegraph review of 2.7.95 concerning Professor Mack. The letter, from researcher Harry Harris applauds Prof. Macks work and he suspect that there are small cells within each nations defense departments that know more than they are letting on about the abduction scenario.

10.7.95 : Southampton Echo :

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

A man who claims to be an expert in unidentified flying objects says a music video of a popular merengue singer may show a flying saucer in the background.

The object was captured on tape by a cameraman filming an outdoor scene near Santo Domingo a few weeks ago for a video of singer Eddy Herrera, who is renowned in this Spanish speaking country Danilo Rodriguez, who studies UFOs, said : 'Evidently, we have witnessed the presence of a UFO.'

12.7.95 : Bella Magazine :

OUT OF THIS WORLD ?

Yet another look at the Roswell story, with interviews with those who believe they have been abducted by creatures from outer space. Another run of the mill article featuring such abductees as Maria Ward and Alan Godfrey. Nothing to write home about in this article I'm afraid (ED).

14.7.95 : Southampton Daily Echo :

FANS' MESSAGE TO TERRY.

Along side the formation found in the Punch bowl (See Hampshire Chronicle review above), Nr Winchester, a matchstick man kicking a football with 'Le Tiss For England' appeared. The form was 300ft high and these fools need putting up against a wall and being shot. What a total waste of time and I hope that if they were to be caught, they feel the total weight of the law. (Funny that a local Hampshire group just happen to be filming in the Southampton area, for the release of their new record about, yes you've guest it Matt Le Tissier...Strange that isn't it ???).

15.7.95 : Psychic News :

PN PRINTS FIRST STILLS FROM 'ALIEN' FILM IN UK EXCLUSIVE.

This article is the best article to appear on the Roswell footage so far. It contains interviews with P.Mantle, R.Santilli and Jenny Randles. as room this month is a bit

tight, you can get a copy from your editor if you enclose a self addressed envelope. Read this, and you will have the full story in one great article.

TELEVISION :

18.6.95 : Mysteries, Magic and Miracles. (Cable Tv) :

This for me was the best program so far in the series and looked at the Roswell incident. It featured interviews with Don Schmitt, Eye witnesses, Congressman Steven Schiff and was well produced. The item lasted the full 30 minutes and seemed to portray the incident very well and was very accurate.

7.7.95 : James Whale :

This item was approx. 10 minutes long and consisted of an interview with abductee Ross Reynolds. There was nothing new in this item, as Ross has appeared on a number of programs in the past relating her story.

12.7.95 : A.C.Clark. (Cable Tv) :

Nothing new concerning this item as it was a repeat of an older item concerning UFOs. Nothing else really to mention, but if you are new to the subject of Ufology, then this is well worth a look at.

MAGAZINE REVIEWS :

1. The circle Hunter. No15 June 95.

This edition, like previous ones, is packed with crop circle news, a look at the Roswell Autopsy video, 1995 formations and photograph. For more details, contact : Anthony Horn, 23 Sea View Drive, Scarborough, N.Yorks. YO11 3HY.

2. INUFOR Digest. Vo1 No1 June 95.

This new exchange magazine from Australia is packed with sightings in Australia, Press cuttings from Australia and abroad, Those Roswell Photographs, Sighting reports and a whole host more. For details, contact : INUFOR PO Box 783 Kogarah, New South Wales, Australia. 2217.

3. *Skylink (London UFO Studies)*. No 11 1995.

This monster edition is packed with information, news and reviews and is great value not only in money, but also research materials. This edition covers such topics as Roswell, Abduction or Infection ?, People to People visit, Sighting reports, Crop Circles and a whole host more. For more details, contact : Roy Lake, 10a Tudor Road, Barking, Essex. IG11 9RX.

4. *Annal 2*. No 25 July/Sept 95.

A mixture of UFOs, Paranormal and Fortean news. This edition looks at Roswell, The monuments of Mars, UFO worldwide reports, The Lazar claims, Near death experiences and UFO Abductions, Ball lightning terror, The crystal skull and more. For more details, contact : Gerry Lovell, Apt 4G, Preston Manor, Wick Hollow, Glastonbury, Somerset. BA6 8JQ.

5. *Fortean Times*. No 81 1995.

Other than the usual fortean features (Exploding Whales !!!!), there is a very interesting article that looks at the invasion of flying saucers and abductions in Scotland and there is the inevitable article (This time written by Jenny Randles) concerning the Roswell alien autopsy footage.

6. *Spiline*. June 1995.

The usual mixture of local reports from the Portsmouth (Hampshire) area, press articles, Crop Circle news an much more. For more details, contact : Bob Schindler on Portsmouth (01705 611437)

7. *OVNI*. June 95.

Omar opens with a review of the 1995 Crop formations (With photographs), A report from Guatemala and more. For more details, contact : Omar Fowler, 94 The Circle, Sinfin, Derby, Derbyshire. DE24 9HR.

8. *EMUFORA*. Summer 95 No.6 :

Anthony features the inevitable Roswell autopsy footage, researcher films UFO in Gulf Breeze, Florida, U.S.A, sightings, press reports and further articles. For more details, contact : Anthony James, 8 Roosa Close, Hempshall Vale, Bulwell, Nottingham, NG6 7BL.

9. Skywatch Newsletter. July 95 No 1 :

And last but not least (And I always leave the best to last) is a new Newsletter produced by a new group Skywatch Network U.K. A very well laid out and produced newsletter packed to the hilt with information. There is a sighting report up-date, Crop Circle up-date, An item looking at men in black, Area 51, a forum with a chance for you the reader to say your bit and much more. For more details, contact : Marcus Walker, Skywatch Network UK, 135 Seafield Road, Bournemouth, Dorset. BH6 3SL.

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CROP CIRCLE UPDATE : JUNE 95.

On the 11th June a formation, the first of the two in the area (Hampshire) was found at Cow Down Farm, Near Andover. The first was a ringed circle with 3 small circles within it, the second was a ringed circle which had a zigzag pattern coming off it found on the 19.6.95, and both were found in wheat.

At Bratton in Wiltshire 8 concentric rings were found which were quite old by the time of their discovery, also around the 16/17th a 30ft single circle was found North east of Upham, Hampshire in wheat not far from one of the Insectograms of 1991 (where did the insects go ?) made one of their appearances, this single circle was said to be a hoax - although I never inspected it myself, were the designers spurred on by the quintuplet formation at telegraph Hill and the attention it received. Nine days after

the big one at Cheesefoot Head your editor, myself and a friend on a night-watch of the Cheesefoot area visited two new formations, the nearest was at Matterly farm just 2 miles N>East of telegraph hill scene of an early quintuplet in 1985, this formation - about 60ft across - consisted of 30 circles in various size forming the shape of - you've guessed it - a circle !

This was made the previous night 20th/21st. We were viewing it from the A31 in a lay-by and pondering on it's origin when Colin Andrews, Reg Presley, Malcolm Terry of the Andover UFO Group and a Chinese film crew arrived to join us in viewing the recent edition to Hampshire's growing crop of Circles.. We chatted briefly before heading to our original destination up the road where reportedly a 85 circle formation was visible from the road. Five minutes later we arrived at Bishops Sutton where a similar design to the last one was to be found only on a grander, albeit messier scale.

Once again Colin, Reg etc arrived, we had a lengthy chat with them this time during which time we all gave some opinions on Circle and UFO matters to the Chinese film crew. On the night watch, a blue metro was parked in Cheesefoot Head car park when we returned to our cars at 1.30am. The two occupants asked us if we were circle watchers. We left the car park at 2am to continue the watch near Morestead, upon returning to the car park at Dawn, a small messy circle had appeared below the quintuplet set. During the last week of June, reports were trickling through, at West Stowell, Wiltshire near where the second Galaxy formation appeared last year, a ringed Circle and quintuplet graced fields, and a couple of ringed Circles popped up at Reading, Berkshire, but Hampshire continued to lead the way for Crop-circle activity.

On the 27/28th of June at Longwood warren, close to Cheesefoot Head a ring of circles made another appearance. This one was about 200ft across, comprising of 5 standing rings. This was more complex than the other two similar ones. Despite this, I am sure this one is a hoax after dowsing in it only to find nothing detectable. The Center had a hole in it, suggesting human involvement, as well as a rough lay of wheat, little attention was given to detail in this crude attempt. Less than a mile away and around the same time, near Morestead a ringed circle appeared of around 30ft across in wheat. I never inspected this one, so cannot comment on its origin.

The Telegraph hill formation at the end of June looked worn out, as well as the small circle that appeared the night of the night-watch, this field also has a 30ft OM sign put there by some deluded mystic. OM = One Vibration above all Vibrations. The big 85ft formation at Bishops Sutton now has had another 10 more circles added to it (someone got their numbers wrong ?). It has been a quiet June compared to last year, but what will July hold ?

The Wheatear.

THE TELEGRAPH HILL QUINTUPLETT SET 1995.

SPECIAL REPORT.

On the evening of Monday 12th June around 6.30pm I had just ate my dinner and was looking forward to a quiet evening with the family when I received a phone call from Wayne - as friend I used to work with - who told me of a formation he had seen today near Cheesefoot Head and asked me if I knew anything about it, to which I replied excitedly no, tell me more ! It appeared that it wasn't in the infamous Punch Bowl but further down the road a little towards Chilcomb. he described it as a big ring with many small circles. My mind conjured up many shapes - and I had to see it !!! I rang a fellow cropie to see if he knew of it (being so near to our area) but all I got was the answering machine, so I left a message. I rang my friend Brian to see if he would be interested in a visit as soon as possible, he was keen so having picked him up we set off. the time was now 7.45 pm. As I know the Cheesefoot Head are quite well I thought the formation must be on the side of telegraph Hill with the A272 nearby. I approached the area from Morstead Down along the a31 and onto the A272 up to Cheesefoot Head.

Looking over our right from the A31 it came into sight - a huge inversed ring with some formations within it. We briefly pulled up near to it and filmed it, as entry at this stage was out of the question. This area is not known for it's sympathy towards the subject in the past. The formation consisted of a huge wide ring of depressed Barley within this was a narrower band of standing crop leaving approx. a 30ft depressed center. Joined to the narrow band were four sets of quintuplet circles (roughly sighted on the compass points). It's size was well displayed due to the rising hill, and I was sure that by now it had been entered. We waited for darkness in Cheesefoot Head car park, then at 9.40pm we began to walk to the barrow on top of Telegraph Hill and from there entered the formation from above as apposed to the road entry to minimize attention. No sooner had we entered the gate opposite the car park when I spied a small circle to the left of the footpath it was only half made I would say, intriguing I thought. Was this perhaps a trial to see the Barley's response to circle making ?

By 10.10pm we were on the hill with the formation somewhere hidden below the arching decline so picking out a tram-line we followed it down the hill, the time was now 10.15pm and although it was an overcast night the light conditions were just possible for a spot of videoing. the size was impressive - the wide outer band was gently compressed clockwise as was all of the formation except the narrow band that had the quintuplet attached to it, apart from this weak compressed outer band the center was also in places half standing although it's lay was impressive - twisting clockwise and then anti-clockwise.

I now began to look for the signs of human creation and I soon found some evidence. In the Northern most center quintuplet I found the only standing center swirl which had a single Barley stem uprooted and suspended about an inch from the ground mixed in with the standing swirl, about 8 inches from it's root it had a broken stem suggesting a pole or similar devices' behavior in going around the standing tuft.

I found a number of suspicious signs and methods in it's construction that to me indicated a hoax. despite this conviction, I found a number of curious and bizarre things that were building up around this formation, one was the strong energy line that came from the barrow on top of Telegraph Hill in a downward flow and seemed to intercept the main outer ring. Four days later when returning from a Wiltshire night watch - I tried to find the energy line near the curb of the busy A272, having found it, it appeared that indeed the energy line passed through the formations eastern side of the outer ring (did someone check this out - if so this could explain the trampled down crop near where the energy lines leaves the Barrow I found on Monday night). was the small circle near the car park a test sample for the hoaxers - this kept going through my mind. the next day Steve Alexander, Lucy Pringle and Richard Andrews gave it a dawn visit with the farmers permission. Lucy had driven past Sunday evening and it was not there then.

These later visitors experienced various battery problems, and discharging only to re-charge itself the next day ! was the energy line creating an anomaly within the man-made formation ? I had no problems, despite having a video recorder , torch and Dictaphone. I dowsed very little when I was in the formation due to darkness and a stiff

chilly wind. I was surprised to find some strong energy in the center of the formation and then again the Western most Quintuplet seemed void of any response at all. Lucy Pringle and Richard Andrews never dowsed while in it on the Tuesday morning. I feel this formation could reveal more if a study by dowsing could be allowed.

Old followers of the Circle story may recall that in mid June of 1990 a dumbbell with three semi-rings called the 'Phoenix' appeared very near to this Quintuplet set, most of the lay in the old one was clockwise like this new addition, so the mystery deepens.

As there is supposed to be an agreed lay-off with the best hoaxers' activity this year, (anything to do with the criminal rights act on trespass ?) and considering this style harks back to the early days - were it's creators picking up the 'glove' as it were.

Whatever the truth the effect has been positive on most people, despite it's origin with many now visiting it with curb-side admiration. However it is - I think - a hoax and therefore caution is needed in praising it. the circle enigma has returned at Cheesfoot and this one is certainly in that category! Finally, thanks to Wayne.

The Whitear.

Audio/Video collection.

My video/audio collection is ever increasing and I now have over 170 Video's covering the subject of UFOs and Crop Circles, and I also have over 300 audio tapes. If you are interested in a catalogue of both collections, then please send me six first class stamps to cover postage etc etc. In the near future, I am expecting to increase the collection by one or two more new items. I am sorry that I can not let people 'Borrow' video's, but I have lost a number in the past by doing this. I can supply copies of video/audio material on request for a small charge. Write to the editorial address if you require the catalogues.